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AN ACT

To repeal section 135.960, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to tax credits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 135.960, RSMo, is repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 135.960, 620.2000, 620.2005, 620.2010, 620.2015, and 620.2020, to read as follows:

135.960. 1. Any governing authority that desires to have any portion of a city or unincorporated area of a county under its control designated as an enhanced enterprise zone shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining the opinion and suggestions of those persons who will be affected by such designation. The governing authority shall [notify the director of such hearing at least thirty days prior thereto and shall] publish notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to be affected by such designation at least twenty days prior to the date of the hearing but not more than thirty days prior to such hearing. Such notice shall state the time, location, date, and purpose of the hearing. The director, or the director's designee, shall attend such hearing.

2. After a public hearing is held as required in subsection 1 of this section, the governing authority may, **by a majority vote of the members of the governing authority**, [file a petition with the department requesting the designation of] **adopt an ordinance or resolution designating** a specific area as an enhanced enterprise zone. Such [petition] **ordinance or resolution** shall include, in addition to a description of the physical, social, and economic characteristics of the area:

(1) A plan to provide adequate police protection within the area;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (2) A specific and practical process for individual businesses to obtain waivers from
18 burdensome local regulations, ordinances, and orders which serve to discourage economic
19 development within the area to be designated an enhanced enterprise zone, except that such
20 waivers shall not substantially endanger the health or safety of the employees of any such
21 business or the residents of the area;

22 (3) A description of what other specific actions will be taken to support and encourage
23 private investment within the area;

24 (4) A plan to ensure that resources are available to assist area residents to participate in
25 increased development through self-help efforts and in ameliorating any negative effects of
26 designation of the area as an enhanced enterprise zone;

27 (5) A statement describing the projected positive and negative effects of designation of
28 the area as an enhanced enterprise zone;

29 (6) A specific plan to provide assistance to any person or business dislocated as a result
30 of activities within the enhanced enterprise zone. Such plan shall determine the need of
31 dislocated persons for relocation assistance; provide, prior to displacement, information about
32 the type, location, and price of comparable housing or commercial property; provide information
33 concerning state and federal programs for relocation assistance and provide other advisory
34 services to displaced persons. Public agencies may choose to provide assistance under the
35 Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 4601, et seq., to meet
36 the requirements of this subdivision; and

37 (7) A description or plan that demonstrates the requirements of subsection 4 of section
38 135.953.

39 3. An enhanced enterprise zone designation shall [be effective upon such approval by
40 the department and shall] expire in twenty-five years.

41 4. Each designated enhanced enterprise zone board shall report to the director on an
42 annual basis regarding the status of the zone and business activity within the zone.

620.2000. Sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 shall be known and may be cited as the
2 **"Buck Stops Here Economic Development Tax Credit Reform".**

620.2005. As used in sections 620.2000 to 620.2020, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Average wage", the new payroll divided by the number of new jobs, or the
3 payroll of the retained jobs divided by the number of retained jobs;

4 (2) "Commencement of operations", the starting date for the qualified company's
5 first new employee, which shall be no later than twelve months from the date of the
6 approval;

7 (3) "County average wage", the average wages in each county as determined by the
8 department for the most recently completed full calendar year. However, if the computed

9 county average wage is greater than the statewide average wage, the statewide average
10 wage shall be deemed the county average wage for such county for the purpose of
11 determining eligibility. The department shall publish the county average wage for each
12 county at least annually. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision to the
13 contrary, for any qualified company that in conjunction with its project is relocating
14 employees from a Missouri county with a higher county average wage, the company shall
15 obtain the endorsement of the governing body of the community from which jobs are being
16 relocated or the county average wage for its project shall be the county average wage for
17 the county from which the employees are being relocated;

18 (4) "Department", the Missouri department of economic development;

19 (5) "Director", the director of the department of economic development;

20 (6) "Employee", a person employed by a qualified company, excluding owners of
21 the qualified company unless the qualified company is participating in an employee stock
22 ownership plan;

23 (7) "Existing Missouri business", a qualified company that, for the ten-year period
24 preceding submission of a notice of intent to the department, had a physical location in
25 Missouri and full-time employees who routinely perform job duties within Missouri;

26 (8) "Full-time employee", an employee of the qualified company who is scheduled
27 to work an average of at least thirty-five hours per week for a twelve-month period, and
28 one for whom the qualified company offers health insurance and pays at least fifty percent
29 of such insurance premiums. An employee who spends less than fifty percent of his or her
30 work time at the facility shall be considered to be located at a facility if he or she receives
31 directions and control from that facility and is on the facility's payroll, one hundred
32 percent of the employee's income from such employment is Missouri income, and the
33 employee is paid greater than or equal to the applicable percentage of the county average
34 wage;

35 (9) "Local incentives", the present value of the dollar amount of direct benefit
36 received by a qualified company for a project facility from one or more local political
37 subdivisions, but this term shall not include loans or other funds provided to the qualified
38 company that shall be repaid by the qualified company to the political subdivision;

39 (10) "NAICS" or "NAICS industry classification", the classification provided by
40 the most recent edition of the North American Industry Classification System as prepared
41 by the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget;

42 (11) "New capital investment", costs incurred by the qualified company at the
43 project facility after acceptance by the qualified company of the proposal for benefits from
44 the department or the approval notice of intent, whichever occurs first, for real or personal

45 property. New capital investment may include the value of finance or capital leases for real
46 or personal property for the term of such lease at the project facility executed after
47 acceptance by the qualified company of the proposal for benefits from the department or
48 the approval of the notice of intent;

49 (12) "New direct local revenue", the present value of the dollar amount of direct
50 net new tax revenues of the local political subdivisions likely to be produced by the project
51 over a ten-year period as calculated by the department, excluding local earnings tax and
52 net new utility revenues, provided the local incentives include a discount or other direct
53 incentives from utilities owned or operated by the political subdivision;

54 (13) "New jobs", the number of full-time employees located at the project facility
55 that exceeds the project facility base employment less any decrease in the number of full-
56 time employees at related facilities below the related facility base employment. No job that
57 was created prior to the date of the notice of intent shall be deemed a new job;

58 (14) "New payroll", the amount of wages paid for all new jobs located at the
59 project facility during the qualified company's tax year that exceeds the project facility
60 base payroll;

61 (15) "Notice of intent", a form developed by the department and available online,
62 completed by the qualified company, and submitted to the department stating the qualified
63 company's intent to request benefits under this program;

64 (16) "Percent of local incentives", the amount of local incentives divided by the
65 amount of new direct local revenue;

66 (17) "Program", the Missouri works program established in sections 620.2000 to
67 620.2020;

68 (18) "Project facility", the building or buildings used by a qualified company at
69 which new or retained jobs and any new capital investment are or will be located. A
70 project facility may include separate buildings located within sixty miles of each other such
71 that their purpose and operations are interrelated, provided that if the buildings making
72 up the project facility are not located within the same county, the average wage of the new
73 payroll shall exceed the applicable percentage of the highest county average wage among
74 the counties in which the buildings are located. Upon approval by the department, a
75 subsequent project facility may be designated if the qualified company demonstrates a
76 need to relocate at any time during the project period;

77 (19) "Project facility base employment", the greater of the number of full-time
78 employees located at the project facility on the date of the notice of intent or, for the twelve-
79 month period prior to the date of the notice of intent, the average number of full-time
80 employees located at the project facility. In the event the project facility has not been in

81 operation for a full twelve-month period, the average number of full-time employees for
82 the number of months the project facility has been in operation prior to the date of the
83 notice of intent;

84 (20) "Project facility base payroll", the annualized payroll for the project facility
85 base employment or the total amount of wages paid by the qualified company to its full-
86 time employees located at the project facility in the twelve months prior to the notice of
87 intent. For purposes of calculating the benefits under this program, the amount of base
88 payroll shall increase each year based on an appropriate measure, as determined by the
89 department;

90 (21) "Project period", the time period within which benefits are awarded to a
91 qualified company or within which the qualified company is obligated to perform under
92 an agreement with the department, whichever is greater;

93 (22) "Projected net fiscal benefit", the total fiscal benefit to the state less any state
94 benefits offered to the qualified company, as determined by the department;

95 (23) "Qualified company", a firm, partnership, joint venture, association, private
96 or public corporation whether organized for profit or not, or headquarters of such entity
97 registered to do business in Missouri that is the owner or operator of a project facility,
98 certifies that it offers health insurance to all full-time employees of all facilities located in
99 this state, and certifies that it pays at least fifty percent of such insurance premiums. For
100 the purposes of sections 620.2000 to 620.2020, the term "qualified company" shall not
101 include:

102 (a) Gambling establishments (NAICS industry group 7132);

103 (b) Storefront consumer-based retail trade establishments (under NAICS sectors
104 44 and 45), except with respect to any company headquartered in this state with a majority
105 of its full-time employees engaged in operations not within the NAICS codes specified in
106 this subdivision;

107 (c) Food and drinking places (NAICS subsector 722);

108 (d) Public utilities (NAICS 221 including water and sewer services);

109 (e) Any company that is delinquent in the payment of any nonprotested taxes or
110 any other amounts due the state, federal government, or any political subdivision of this
111 state;

112 (f) Any company requesting benefits for retained jobs that has filed for or has
113 publicly announced its intention to file for bankruptcy protection.

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115 Any taxpayer who is awarded benefits under this section and who files for bankruptcy
116 under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, Title 11 U.S.C., shall immediately

117 **notify the department, shall forfeit such benefits, and shall repay the state an amount equal**
118 **to any state tax credits already redeemed and any withholding taxes already retained;**

- 119 **(g) Educational services (NAICS sector 61);**
- 120 **(h) Religious organizations (NAICS industry group 8131);**
- 121 **(i) Public administration (NAICS sector 92);**
- 122 **(j) Ethanol distillation or production;**
- 123 **(k) Biodiesel production; or**
- 124 **(l) Healthcare and social services (NAICS sector 62).**

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126 **Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the headquarters,**
127 **administrative offices, or research and development facilities of an otherwise excluded**
128 **business may qualify for benefits if the offices or facilities serve a multistate territory. In**
129 **the event a national, state, or regional headquarters operation is not the predominant**
130 **activity of a project facility, the jobs and investment of such operation shall be considered**
131 **eligible for benefits under this section if the other requirements are satisfied;**

132 **(24) "Related company" shall mean:**

133 **(a) A corporation, partnership, trust, or association controlled by the qualified**
134 **company;**

135 **(b) An individual, corporation, partnership, trust, or association in control of the**
136 **qualified company; or**

137 **(c) Corporations, partnerships, trusts, or associations controlled by an individual,**
138 **corporation, partnership, trust, or association in control of the qualified company. As used**
139 **in this paragraph, "control of a qualified company" shall mean:**

140 **a. Ownership, directly or indirectly, of stock possessing at least fifty percent of the**
141 **total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote in the case of a qualified**
142 **company that is a corporation;**

143 **b. Ownership of at least fifty percent of the capital or profit interest in such**
144 **qualified company if it is a partnership or association;**

145 **c. Ownership, directly or indirectly, of at least fifty percent of the beneficial interest**
146 **in the principal or income of such qualified company if it is a trust, and ownership shall**
147 **be determined as provided in Section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as**
148 **amended;**

149 **(25) "Related facility", a facility operated by the qualified company or a related**
150 **company located in this state that is directly related to the operations of the project facility**
151 **or in which operations substantially similar to the operations of the project facility are**
152 **performed;**

(26) "Related facility base employment", the greater of the number of full-time employees located at all related facilities on the date of the notice of intent or, for the twelve-month period prior to the date of the notice of intent, the average number of full-time employees located at all related facilities of the qualified company or a related company located in this state;

(27) "Related facility base payroll", the annualized payroll of the related facility base payroll or the total amount of taxable wages paid by the qualified company to full-time employees of the qualified company located at a related facility in the twelve months prior to the filing of the notice of intent. For purposes of calculating the benefits under this program, the amount of related facility base payroll shall increase each year based on an appropriate measure, as determined by the department;

(28) "Rural area", a county in Missouri with a population less than seventy-five thousand or that does not contain an individual city with a population greater than fifty thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census;

(29) "Tax credits", tax credits issued by the department to offset the state taxes imposed under chapters 143 and 148, or which may be sold or refunded as provided for in this program; and

(30) "Withholding tax", the state tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265. For purposes of this program, the withholding tax shall be computed using a schedule as determined by the department based on average wages.

620.2010. 1. In exchange for the consideration provided by the new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will be generated by the new jobs created, a qualified company may, for a period of five years from the date the new jobs are created, or for a period of six years from the date the new jobs are created if the qualified company is an existing Missouri business, retain an amount equal to one-third of the withholding tax as calculated under subdivision (30) of section 620.2005 from the new jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted by the qualified company under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265 if:

(1) The qualified company creates ten or more new jobs, and the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds ninety percent of the county average wage;

(2) The qualified company creates two or more new jobs at a project facility located in a rural area, the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds ninety percent of the county average wage, and the qualified company commits to making at least one hundred thousand dollars of new capital investment at the project facility within two years; or

(3) The qualified company creates two or more new jobs at a project facility located within a zone designated under sections 135.950 to 135.963, the average wage of the new

17 payroll equals or exceeds eighty percent of the county average wage, and the qualified
18 company commits to making at least one hundred thousand dollars in new capital
19 investment at the project facility within two years;

20 2. In addition to any benefits available under subsection 1 of this section, the
21 department may award a qualified company that satisfies subdivision (1) of subsection 1
22 of this section additional tax credits, issued each year for a period of five years from the
23 date the new jobs are created, in an amount equal to or less than eight percent of new
24 payroll; provided that in no event may the total amount of benefits awarded to a qualified
25 company under this section exceed nine percent of new payroll in any calendar year. The
26 amount of tax credits awarded to a qualified company under this subsection shall not
27 exceed the projected net fiscal benefit to the state, as determined by the department, and
28 shall not exceed the least amount necessary to obtain the qualified company's commitment
29 to initiate the project. In determining the amount of tax credits to award to a qualified
30 company under this subsection, the department shall consider the following factors:

31 (1) The significance of the qualified company's need for program benefits;

32 (2) The amount of projected net fiscal benefit to the state and the period in which
33 the state would realize such net fiscal benefit;

34 (3) The overall size and quality of the proposed project, including the number of
35 new jobs, new capital investment, proposed wages, growth potential of the qualified
36 company, the potential multiplier effect of the project, and similar factors;

37 (4) The financial stability and creditworthiness of the qualified company;

38 (5) The level of economic distress in the area;

39 (6) An evaluation of the competitiveness of alternative locations for the project
40 facility, as applicable;

41 (7) The percent of local incentives committed; and

42 (8) The likelihood that the qualified company will create new jobs or make new
43 capital investment without the award of the benefits;

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45 In determining whether to offer the additional incentives in this section, the department
46 shall issue a written decision which addresses each factor set forth herein. Any decision
47 to reward additional incentives under this section shall require the signature of the
48 governor if the discretionary award is greater than one million dollars per year.

49 3. Upon approval of a notice of intent to receive tax credits under subsection 2 of
50 this section, the department and the qualified company shall enter into a written agreement
51 covering the applicable project period. The agreement shall specify, at a minimum:

52 **(1) The committed number of new jobs, new payroll, and new capital investment**
53 **for each year during the project period;**

54 **(2) The date or time period during which the tax credits shall be issued, which may**
55 **be immediately or over a period not to exceed two years from the date of approval of the**
56 **notice of intent;**

57 **(3) Clawback provisions, as may be required by the department but which shall**
58 **include repayment of interest at a rate of nine percent per annum; and**

59 **(4) Any other provisions the department may require.**

60 **4. In addition to the benefits available under subsections 1 and 2 of this section, the**
61 **department may award a qualified company that satisfies subdivision (1) of subsection 1**
62 **of this section additional tax credits, issued each year for a period of five years from the**
63 **date the new jobs are created, in an amount equal to or less than three percent of new**
64 **payroll, provided that in no event may the total amount of benefits awarded to a qualified**
65 **company under this section exceed twelve percent of new payroll in any calendar year.**
66 **The amount of tax credits awarded to a qualified company under this subsection shall not**
67 **exceed the projected net fiscal benefit to the state, as determined by the department, and**
68 **shall not exceed the least amount necessary to obtain the qualified company's commitment**
69 **to initiate the project. In determining the amount of tax credits to award to a qualified**
70 **company under this subsection, the department shall consider the factors provided under**
71 **subsection 2 of this section. Any decision to reward additional incentives under this section**
72 **shall require the signature of the governor if the discretionary award is greater than one**
73 **million dollars per year.**

74 **5. No benefits shall be available under this section for any qualified company that**
75 **has performed significant, project-specific site work at the project facility, purchased**
76 **machinery or equipment related to the project, or has publicly announced its intention to**
77 **create new jobs or make new capital investment at the project facility prior to approval of**
78 **its notice of intent.**

620.2015. 1. In exchange for the consideration provided by the tax revenues and
2 **other economic stimuli that will be generated by the retention of jobs and the making of**
3 **new capital investment in this state, a qualified company may be eligible to receive the**
4 **benefits described in this section if the department determines that there is a significant**
5 **probability that the qualified company would relocate to another state in the absence of**
6 **the benefits authorized under this section. In no event shall the total amount of benefits**
7 **available to all qualified companies under this section exceed six million dollars in any**
8 **fiscal year.**

9 **2. A qualified company meeting the requirements of this section may be authorized**
10 **to retain an amount not to exceed one hundred percent of the withholding tax from full-**
11 **time jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted by the qualified company under**
12 **the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265 for a period of ten years if the average wage**
13 **of the retained jobs equals or exceeds ninety percent of the county average wage. To**
14 **receive benefits under this section, a qualified company shall enter into a written**
15 **agreement with the department containing detailed performance requirements and**
16 **repayment penalties in event of nonperformance. The amount of benefits awarded to a**
17 **qualified company under this section shall exceed neither the projected net fiscal benefit**
18 **nor the least amount necessary to obtain the qualified company's commitment to retain the**
19 **necessary number of jobs and make the required new capital investment.**

20 **3. To be eligible to receive benefits under this section, the qualified company shall**
21 **agree to:**

22 **(1) Retain, for a period of ten years from the date of approval of the notice of intent,**
23 **at least fifty retained jobs; and**

24 **(2) Make a new capital investment at the project facility within three years of the**
25 **approval in an amount equal to one-half the total benefits, available under this section,**
26 **which are offered to the qualified company by the department.**

27 **4. In awarding benefits under this section, the department shall consider the factors**
28 **set forth in subsection 2 of section 620.2010. Any decision to reward incentives under this**
29 **section shall require the signature of the governor if the discretionary award is greater**
30 **than one million dollars per year.**

31 **5. Upon approval of a notice of intent to request benefits under this section, the**
32 **department and the qualified company shall enter into a written agreement covering the**
33 **applicable project period. The agreement shall specify, at a minimum:**

34 **(1) The committed number of retained jobs, payroll, and new capital investment**
35 **for each year during the project period;**

36 **(2) Clawback provisions, as may be required by the department but which shall**
37 **include repayment of interest at a rate of nine percent per annum; and**

38 **(3) Any other provisions the department may require.**

620.2020. 1. The department shall respond to a written request, by or on behalf of
2 **a qualified company, for a proposed benefit award under the provisions of this program**
3 **within five business days of receipt of such request. Such response shall contain either a**
4 **proposal of benefits for the qualified company, or a written response refusing to provide**
5 **such a proposal and stating the reasons for such refusal. A qualified company that intends**
6 **to seek benefits under the program shall submit to the department a notice of intent. The**

7 department shall respond within thirty days to a notice of intent with an approval or a
8 rejection, provided that the department may withhold approval or provide a contingent
9 approval until it is satisfied that proper documentation of eligibility has been provided.
10 Failure to respond on behalf of the department shall result in the notice of intent being
11 deemed approved. A qualified company receiving approval for program benefits may
12 receive additional benefits for subsequent new jobs at the same facility after the full initial
13 project period if the applicable minimum job requirements are met. There shall be no
14 limit to the number of project periods in which a qualified company may participate, and
15 a qualified company may elect to file a notice of intent to begin a new project period
16 concurrent with an existing project period if the applicable minimum job requirements are
17 achieved, the qualified company provides the department with the required annual
18 reporting, and the qualified company is in compliance with this program and any other
19 state programs in which the qualified company is currently or has previously participated.
20 However, the qualified company shall not receive any further program benefits under the
21 original approval for any new jobs created after the date of the new notice of intent, and
22 any jobs created before the new notice of intent shall not be included as new jobs for
23 purposes of the benefit calculation for the new approval. When a qualified company has
24 filed and received approval of a notice of intent and subsequently files another notice of
25 intent, the department shall apply the definition of project facility under subdivision (18)
26 of section 620.2005 to the new notice of intent as well as all previously approved notices of
27 intent and shall determine the application of the definitions of new job, new payroll,
28 project facility base employment, and project facility base payroll accordingly.

29 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the benefits available to
30 the qualified company under any other state programs for which the company is eligible
31 and which utilize withholding tax from the new or retained jobs of the company shall first
32 be credited to the other state program before the withholding retention level applicable
33 under this program begins to accrue. If any qualified company also participates in a job
34 training program utilizing withholding tax, the company shall retain no withholding tax
35 under this program, but the department shall issue a refundable tax credit for the full
36 amount of benefit allowed under this program. The calendar year annual maximum
37 amount of tax credits which may be issued to a qualifying company that also participates
38 in a jobs training program shall be increased by an amount equivalent to the withholding
39 tax retained by that company under a jobs training program.

40 3. A qualified company receiving benefits under this program shall provide an
41 annual report of the number of jobs and such other information as may be required by the
42 department to document the basis for program benefits available no later than ninety days

43 prior to the end of the qualified company's tax year immediately following the tax year for
44 which the benefits provided under the program are attributed. In such annual report, if
45 the average wage is less than the applicable percentage of the county average wage, the
46 qualified company has not maintained the employee insurance as required, or the number
47 of jobs is less than the number required, the qualified company shall not receive tax credits
48 or retain the withholding tax for the balance of the project period. Failure to timely file
49 the annual report required under this section shall result in the forfeiture of tax credits
50 attributable to the year for which the reporting was required and a recapture of
51 withholding taxes retained by the qualified company during such year.

52 4. The department may withhold the approval of any benefits under this program
53 until it is satisfied that proper documentation has been provided, and shall reduce the
54 benefits to reflect any reduction in full-time employees or payroll. Upon approval by the
55 department, the qualified company may begin the retention of the withholding taxes when
56 it adds the required number of jobs and the average wage meets or exceeds the applicable
57 percentage of county average wage. Tax credits, if any, may be issued upon satisfaction
58 by the department that the qualified company has exceeded the applicable percentage of
59 the county average wage and has added the required number of jobs.

60 5. Any qualified company approved for benefits under this program shall provide
61 to the department, upon request, any and all information and records reasonably required
62 to monitor compliance with program requirements. This program shall be considered a
63 business recruitment tax credit under subdivision (4) of subsection 2 of section 135.800,
64 and any qualified company approved for benefits under this program shall be subject to
65 the provisions of sections 135.800 to 135.830.

66 6. Any taxpayer who is awarded benefits under this program and knowingly hires
67 individuals who are not allowed to work legally in the United States shall immediately
68 forfeit such benefits and shall repay the state an amount equal to any state tax credits
69 already redeemed and any withholding taxes already retained.

70 7. The maximum amount of tax credits that may be authorized under this program
71 for any fiscal year shall be limited as follows, less the amount of any tax credits previously
72 obligated for that fiscal year under any of the tax credit programs referenced in subsection
73 13 of this section:

74 (1) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013, but ending on or before June 30,
75 2014, no more than ninety million dollars;

76 (2) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014, but ending on or before June 30,
77 2015, no more than ninety million dollars; and

78 (3) For any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2015, no more than ninety
79 million dollars.

80 8. For tax credits for the creation of new jobs under section 620.2010, the
81 department shall allocate the annual tax credits based on the date of the approval,
82 reserving such tax credits based on the department's best estimate of new jobs and new
83 payroll of the project, and any other applicable factors in determining the amount of
84 benefits available to the qualified company under this program. However, the annual
85 issuance of tax credits shall be subject to annual verification of actual payroll by the
86 department. Any authorization of tax credits shall expire if, within two years from the date
87 of commencement of operations, or approval if applicable, the qualified company has failed
88 to meet the applicable minimum job requirements. The qualified company may retain
89 authorized amounts from the withholding tax under the project after the applicable
90 minimum job requirements have been met for the duration of the project period. No
91 benefits shall be provided under this program until the qualified company meets the
92 applicable minimum new job requirements. In the event the qualified company does not
93 meet the applicable minimum new job requirements, it may submit a new notice of intent
94 or the department may provide a new approval for a new project of the qualified company
95 at the project facility or other facilities.

96 9. Tax credits provided under this program may be claimed against taxes otherwise
97 imposed by chapters 143 and 148, and may not be carried forward, but shall be claimed
98 within one year of the close of the taxable year for which they were issued. Tax credits
99 provided under this program may be transferred, sold, or assigned by filing a notarized
100 endorsement thereof with the department that names the transferee, the amount of tax
101 credit transferred, the value received for the credit, as well as any other information
102 reasonably requested by the department. For a qualified company with flow-through tax
103 treatment to its members, partners, or shareholders, the tax credit shall be allowed to
104 members, partners, or shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership on the last
105 day of the qualified company's tax period.

106 10. Prior to the issuance of tax credits or the qualified company beginning to retain
107 withholding taxes, the department shall verify through the department of revenue and any
108 other applicable state department that the tax credit applicant does not owe any delinquent
109 income, sales, or use tax; interest or penalties on such taxes; or any delinquent fees or
110 assessments levied by any state department. The department shall also verify through the
111 department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration that the
112 applicant does not owe any delinquent insurance taxes or other fees. Such delinquency
113 shall not affect an approval, except that any tax credits issued shall be first applied to the

delinquency, and any amount issued shall be reduced by the applicant's tax delinquency. If the department of revenue, the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, or any other state department concludes that a taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but before July first of any year, and the application of tax credits to such delinquency causes a tax deficiency on behalf of the taxpayer to arise, then the taxpayer shall be granted thirty days to satisfy the deficiency in which interest, penalties, and additions to tax shall be tolled. After applying all available credits toward a tax delinquency, the administering agency shall notify the appropriate department, and that department shall update the amount of outstanding delinquent tax owed by the applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, sales, and use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be issued to the applicant, subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law.

11. The director of revenue shall issue a refund to the qualified company to the extent that the amount of tax credits allowed under this program exceeds the amount of the qualified company's tax liability under chapter 143 or 148.

12. An employee of a qualified company shall receive full credit for the amount of tax withheld as provided in section 143.211.

13. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning August 28, 2013, no new benefits shall be authorized for any project that had not received from the department a proposal or approval for such benefits prior to August 28, 2013, under the development tax credit program created under sections 32.100 to 32.125, the rebuilding communities tax credit program created under section 135.535, the enhanced enterprise zone tax credit program created under sections 135.950 to 135.973, and the Missouri quality jobs program created under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or impair the ability of any administering agency to authorize or issue benefits for any project that had received an approval or a proposal from the department under any of the programs referenced in this subsection prior to August 28, 2013, or the ability of any taxpayer to redeem any such tax credits or to retain any withholding tax under an approval issued prior to that date. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair the ability of any governing authority to provide any local abatement or designate a new zone under the enhanced enterprise zone program created by sections 135.950 to 135.963. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no qualified company that is awarded benefits under this program shall:

(1) Simultaneously receive benefits under the programs referenced in this subsection at the same project facility; or

150 (2) Receive benefits under the provisions of section 620.1910 for the same jobs.

151 14. If any provision of sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 or application thereof to any
152 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
153 application of these sections which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or
154 application. To this end, the provisions of sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 are hereby
155 declared severable.

156 15. By no later than January 1, 2014, and the first day of each calendar quarter
157 thereafter, the department shall present a quarterly report to the general assembly
158 detailing the benefits authorized under this program during the immediately preceding
159 calendar quarter to the extent such information may be disclosed under state and federal
160 law. The report shall include, at a minimum:

161 (1) A list of all approved and disapproved applicants for each tax credit;

162 (2) A list of the aggregate amount of new or retained jobs that are directly
163 attributable to the tax credits authorized;

164 (3) A statement of the aggregate amount of new capital investment directly
165 attributable to the tax credits authorized;

166 (4) Documentation of the estimated net state fiscal benefit for each authorized
167 project and, to the extent available, the actual benefit realized upon completion of such
168 project or activity; and

169 (5) The department's response time for each request for a proposed benefit award
170 under this program.

171 16. The department may adopt such rules, statements of policy, procedures, forms,
172 and guidelines as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 620.2000 to
173 620.2020. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
174 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
175 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
176 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
177 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
178 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
179 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013,
180 shall be invalid and void.

181 17. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

182 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under sections 620.2000 to
183 620.2020 shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless
184 reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

185 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
186 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of this reauthorization of**
187 **sections 620.2000 to 620.2020; and**

188 **(3) Sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 shall terminate on September first of the calendar**
189 **year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under**
190 **sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 is sunset.**

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